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Antietam National Battlefield



The 3rd Battle of Antietam

Preserving Battlefield Landscapes in the 21st
Century

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Overview

- Why is Antietam a good example to study?
- Where are we today: and so what?
- Where will the Battle be waged tomorrow?



The Preservation Lesson of Antietam:

“Success and failure are horns on the same beast”

The “Davis Plan” and the War Department Years

- \$700,000.00 less expensive than Chickamauga
- Still didn't please land owners
- Set the stage for future challenges
- Inadvertent Preservation success

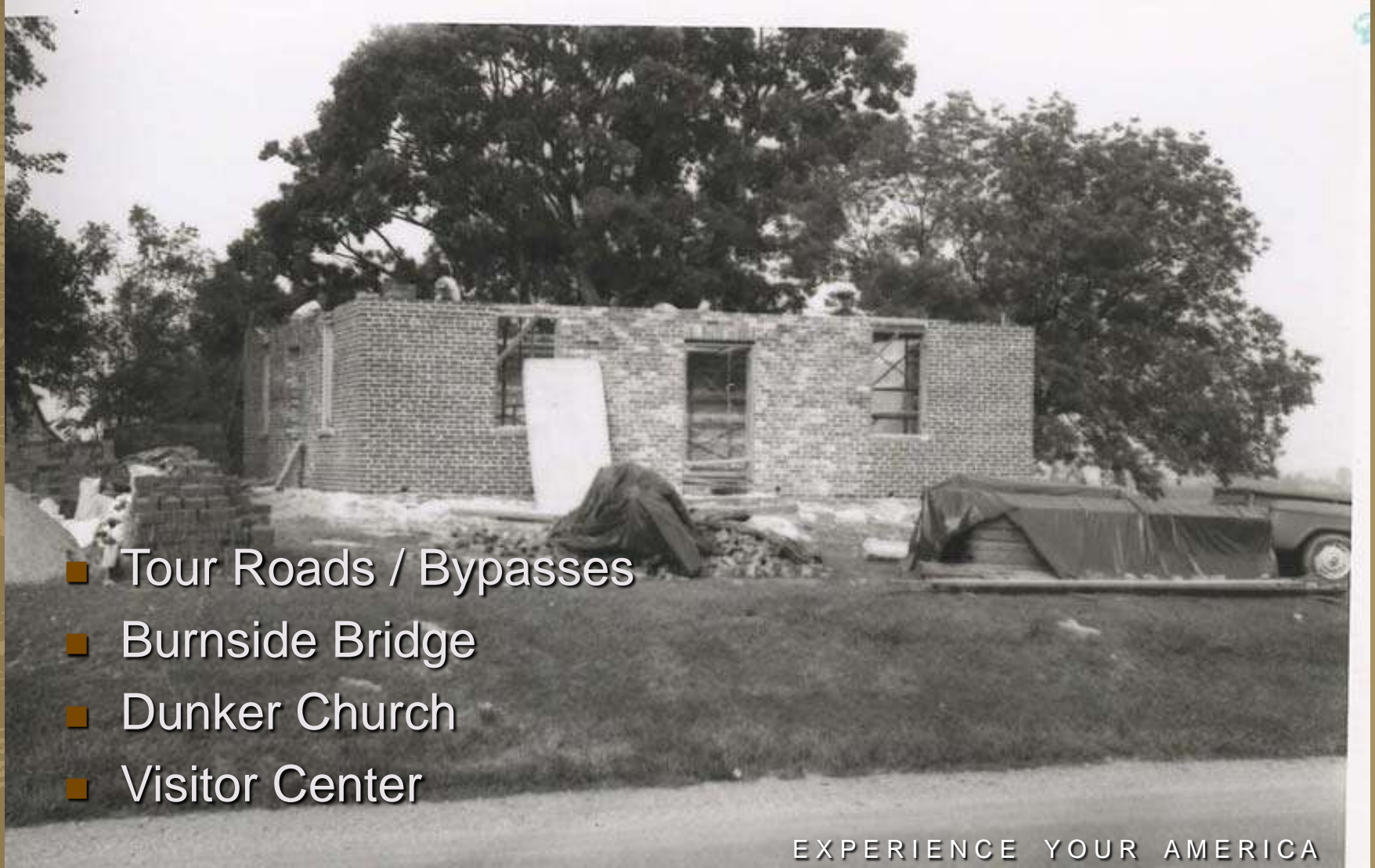


Early Park Service Efforts

- Established Visitor Services
- Research / Study / Evaluation
- Captured fading memories
- Ushered in a new era of Battlefield Preservation



Mission 66



- Tour Roads / Bypasses
- Burnside Bridge
- Dunker Church
- Visitor Center

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Where are we today?





Spring of 2014

- **Shrinking Federal Appropriations**
- **Continued Urbanization**
- **View shed protection / night sky issues**
- **Vegetation growth and Ag lease Management**

The distant sound of a new battle



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